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SUBJ: REACTION TO CANAL TREATY

1. COSTA RICAN REACTION TO SENATE RATIFICATION OF THE PANAMA CANAL TREATIES HAS BEEN MARKED BY LOW KEY, BUT WARM PRAISE FOR ALL CONCERNED. COSTA RICAN MEDIA AND PUBLIC NAVER SEEMED TO THINK THAT THE VOTE WOULD HAVE GONE ANY OTHER WAY BUT THEY ARE NEVERTHELESS HIGHLY PLEASED BOTH OVER THE SENATE ACTION AND THE PANAMANIAN REACTION.

2. THE MESSAGES OF CONGRATULATIONS SENT BY PRESIDENT ODUBER AND PRESIDENT-ELECT CARAZO TO WASHINGTON AND PANAMA WERE GIVEN WIDE PLAY. NEWSPAPER EDITORIALS IN TWO LEADING DAILIES FOCUSED ON THE HISTORIC CHANGE OF ERA IN US-LA RELATIONS THEME, AND ON WHAT RATIFICATION MEANS IN TERMS OF A RETURN TO DEMOCRACY IN PANAMA. OPPOSITION LA REPUBLICA CALLED THE TREATIES "MODEL FOR RELATIONS BETWEEN A POWERFUL COUNTRY, AND ONE THAT IS SMALL AND WEAK". LEADING DAILY LA NACION LAUDED THE POLITICAL VICTORY OF PANAMA LATIN AMERICA, AND PRESIDENT CARTER. RADIO MONUMENTAL'S ARMANDO
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VARGAS, AFTER TOUCHING ALL THE USUAL THEMES, ALSO UNDERLINED THE "CATALYST" ROLE OF PRESIDENT ODUBER IN COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN TORRIJOS AND WASHINGTON.
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